

## NEWS FROM ALL OVER IMPERIAL MISSOURI

Interesting Happenings Which Have Taken Place  
In the Greatest State in the Union

### The Product of the Scissors, the Pen and a Very Little Actual Labor

Fifty-eight master printers have signed an agreement to operate their plants on the open shop basis for five years in St. Louis.

The Macon Republican says that about the only lasting uplift the war seems to have created is one of taxes.

Editor McHolland of the Chillicothe Tribune has been appointed postmaster of Chillicothe. The last postmaster resigned some time ago to resume the practice of law.

The Warrensburg Star-Journal judges that the teller's window in a Kansas City bank which is marked H to O must be the one where the prohibitionists make their deposits.

The Lowry City Independent thinks the original purpose of serving refreshments at society functions was probably for bait to bring out the men.

General Wood finds that the Philippines are facing bankruptcy, which adds another to the line of solid arguments adduced for the immediate granting of independence.—St. Louis Times.

The Linn County Budget has noticed that people who complain that the home paper has no news get all hot up if it isn't delivered to them right on the minute every time.

H. L. Hershner found a pistol, opening on the side one shot, .22 cali-

bre, that he had lost about 1866 on the old Andy Hershner farm, in Nickell's Grove. It is very rusty, but still looks like a pistol of some kind. Henry says he used to kill hogs with it.—Holt County Sentinel.

The street lights over the entire city were turned on Monday evening which makes us look "cityfied" and of course we will all get much good from them.—Bolckow Herald.

"Some auto drivers' idea of heaven must be a sidewalk lined with people wearing their Sunday clothes and a street full of mud to drive through," declares the Lathrop Optimist.

Because seizure was made without a search warrant, Federal Judge Faris ruled that a quantity of home brew beer, taken at the home of Dr. Engelbert Voorster, could not be used as evidence against the physician and the case was dismissed, at St. Louis.

The editor of the Barnard Bulletin dutifully explains that the paper was late last week on account of the arrival of a nine pound boy in his home. "However," he hastens to assure his readers, "it will never happen again."

The jury in the case of the state of Missouri vs. Charles Drummins reported Thursday about midnight, a verdict of guilty but that they considered the penalty of ten years in the penitentiary, the minimum, too severe in his case. When informed by Judge Dawson that the law au-

thorized no lighter punishment, in such cases they again retired and brought in a verdict of not guilty. The jury evidently resented the fact that they were not awarded legislative powers.

Herman Roberts, 22, residing on his father's farm near Downing, Monday shot and killed Mrs. Wilma Roberts, 20, wife of his twin brother, and then committed suicide by turning the gun upon himself. The shooting occurred at the girl's father's, John H. Leeds, one mile and a half from Downing.

Sunday evening about eight o'clock two dogs were fighting near the home of Dave Jackson on East Black Diamond street and Mr. Jackson interfered with the progress of the battle, trying to separate the dogs. In the mix-up one of the dogs snapped the little finger of his right hand off at the first joint.—Glasgow Missourian.

When speeding down a hill about four miles east of Hatfield, the Ford car in which Johnny Fuston was speeding, struck a low place in the road which caused the automobile to turn three summersaults. Fuston was thrown high in the air, and it is supposed his neck was broken when he alighted on the ground as no bruises were found on his body, and the autopsy showed that he died from a broken neck.

The International Fur Exchange, at which some of the largest auctions in the history of the trade have been held, has closed, owing \$14,000,000. Announcement to this effect was made following a conference of exchange officials and bankers. Depression in the fur market was said to be responsible for the indebtedness to banks in St. Louis and New York.

When Rube Hall, a former Paris, Mo., boy, decided to "die" he should have stayed dead a little longer. He disappeared thirteen years ago and after seven years was pronounced legally dead. He carried a \$1,000 life insurance policy payable to his aunt, Miss Ella Pelue. After his legal "death" Miss Pelue sued the insurance company and got judgment for

the full amount. The company carried the case to a higher court where it developed that Rube is living after all, his half-brother having received a telegram from Denver that he was ill enough to be in a serious condition. Miss Pelue seems to have been the victim.

Fourteen convicts, three of them serving life terms for murder, were baptized by immersion in the ornamental fish pond in the main yard of the Missouri penitentiary by the Rev. R. R. Callison, chaplain. Several hundred convicts and visitors witnessed the services. Only six convicts have been baptized before in the eighty-six years since the establishment of the penitentiary, it was said by prison officials.

Funeral services for a father and his youngest son were held Sunday afternoon at Albany. The father, James E. Seals, died at his home in Albany Friday morning at the age of 79 years. The son, James Seals, Jr., died Saturday afternoon in a Kansas City hospital at the age of 33 years. The latter had been gassed in the late war, causing complications which resulted in his death. James Seals, Jr., was unmarried.

There is truly no accounting for tastes. The Bosworth Sentinel reports that a hen in that locality was found mothering a young skunk. When an attempt was made to remove her from the nest she had made in some straw she fought for her adopted offspring and seemed lonesome without it. If she cared to run the risk, it does seem as if she should have been left undisturbed.

"Walker Redd has purchased a new car, one with all the latest improvements," reports the Knob Noster Gem. "It will start itself, open the gate, run up the road, turn around and then go off in another direction. Lloyd does most of the driving and he has never tried to train it to go home, but he may head it that way some time in the future."

The following shows the trend of the times and what effect women in the editor's chair will have on the news. It is from the Leeton Times: "The Editorette of the Times has been laid up the past week with two cracked ribs. She was cleaning house and in an acrobatic stunt on a ladder she endeavored to descend without placing her feet on the rounds. She did."

If you find the weather too warm these days, cool off by reflecting on what happened to us 60 years ago, according to the Trenton Republican. "Sixty-three years ago," it says, "a cold wave swept over the middle west, the big June frost killing the wheat and corn. Old settlers can remember the fall and winter that followed when corn went to \$2 a bushel and could not be bought then, and wheat was prohibitive."

If someone should tell you that he had made ice cream right here within a few miles of Skidmore, within the past week, using snow instead of ice to do the freezing, you might be tempted to think he was somewhat mistaken—but that is exactly what George Guntzman did a few days ago. Last winter Mr. Guntzman, being unable to get ice suitable for storing, put some snow in his ice house and covered it with sawdust. Upon digging into it last week, he found the snow well preserved and hard enough to pack the ice cream freezer.—Skidmore News.

If you lost your \$500 diamond ring in fourteen feet of water would you give it up for lost and go in mourning for it the rest of your days? Not so with Jack Rigg, telegraph operator of Altamont. When he lost his ring in the water while swimming he sent for a diver. But in the meantime his father-in-law helped him rig up a contrivance with two hundred fishhooks on it which resurrected the ring after the diver had arrived on the scene, of course.

"You've read of things that never happen. Well, here's an improbable one that did," relates the Fulton Gazette. "A few days ago a man drove right up to the gasoline filling station in front of a local garage and yelled: 'Fire! Fire! Put it out!' One of the garage's service men put out the flames in his car caused by a short circuit in the ignition system not a minute too soon as the excited owner had driven straight up to the gasoline tank and in a few minutes a blow-up instead of a blow-out would have resulted."

There is one kind of normalcy that Chillicothe is evidently determined never to return to. The Tribune reports that Chief Dorney and the police recently herded a party of sixteen tramps to a Burlington train, loaded them in a boxcar and speeded

their departure. Moreover they stood guard until the locomotive, which was westward bound, was under full steam. The tramps were picked up in various parts of the town the day before. They were given their choice between jail and departure and chose the latter. Five more were picked up the next day.

According to the Kirksville News, Novinger was treated recently to a sign or portent or something. This time it was a piece of ice in the shape of a cross, bearing a likeness of a human form on it, which fell in the back yard of the Rev. G. A. Lewis during a hailstorm. The attention of the preacher was attracted to the cross because of its size, which was about 2½ by 1½ inches. He drew a pencil sketch of it for future reference.

A piece of wire and 14 nails, which a valuable Jersey cow belonging to P. M. Harrington had eaten, caused her death. The wire worked into her heart and stopped the functioning of that organ. The cow had been losing flesh for several months without apparent cause, as she had been eating her rations regularly, and consumed more food than the other cows on the place. She also had been tested for tuberculosis, but no trace of the disease could be found.

"The will of the late John P. Dickey was quite unusual," says the Monroe County Appeal. "He recites in it that he does not wish to work any hardship on his wife if she should marry again. So he bequeaths her all the real estate and personal property to enjoy as long as she stays unmarried, but if she ever marries again she is to have outright from his estate the portion she is entitled to under the laws of Missouri."

According to the Crane Chronicle, Crane has a 16-year-old head baker. He is Johnnie Huffines, and he has just finished his four years' apprenticeship and was left in full charge of the bakery during the absence of the owner of the shop recently. With the help of only one other young man he turned out the town's supply of bread and pastry, to say nothing of what was shipped to other towns. Won't Johnnie be a real catch one of these days for one of these new women who don't know how to bake?

"Recorder Pete Owen thinks the new marriage law which went into effect June 19 has some features in it that, while doubtless good, are certain to prove embarrassing to the person called upon for a license," states the Auxvasse Review. "For instance, Pete thinks he will feel pretty foolish asking a young couple if they are feeble minded, mentally imbecile, epileptic, and so on. And worse than that, unless they look at the matter in the right light, they are almost sure to be unfriendly to him the rest of their lives."

A large rattlesnake bit Pete Dungan on the third finger of his left hand Wednesday morning. Mr. Dungan was at work cutting brush and weeds near his home, about six miles northwest of Gallatin, and the snake struck him as he reached down to take hold of some brush. Dr. Gardner was summoned and when he arrived, found the hand swollen badly and the infection well up in the arm. He gave Mr. Dungan treatment and does not anticipate serious results from the bite. Mr. Dungan hunted out the snake after it struck him and cut it in two, but later when neighbors went to get it they could only find about 15 inches of the tail—the balance of his snakeship having crawled away.—Gallatin Democrat.

"In Missouri the county court, composed of three members, is the county taxing body and the one for Lewis county is so freakish that it deserves a place among the marvels of the present day," reports the Warsaw Bulletin. "It had no power over a special tax of 10 cents ordered by the circuit court and it could not make the levy for the bridge fund less than 10 cents, the minimum fixed by law, but it reduced the county levy from 30 cents, which was the tax of 1920, to 15 cents for 1921, cutting the former right in two, and sealed the road tax down from 25 cents, the levy of 1920, to 10 cents. In those days when nearly every taxing body from the national down to the school district, has gone daft on increasing taxation, despite shrinking values and diminished incomes, it is refreshing to occasionally find one that is not stupidly obtuse to conditions."

**WHY WALTER WAS IRRITATED**  
It is, perhaps, unnecessary to give the name of the New England city which is the residence of the lad who figures in this story.  
There had been a visitor and to this lad she said: "And so this is little Walter? My, my. What a big



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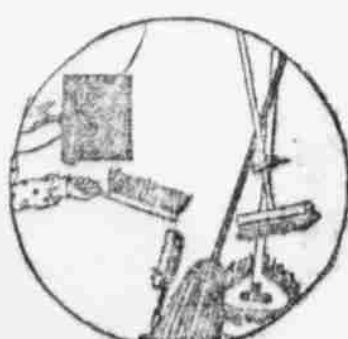
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